

RESPONSE

Examiner stated that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly claim 1 has been cancelled and claim 2 essentially consists of claim 1 three times amended and deleting the reference to "co-extensive with said flange in 1(c) and replacing same with "said inner planar floor covering extending beyond said outer planar floor covering".

Moreover Examiner objected to claim 4. In this regard, please note that claim 4 has been amended so as to depend on claim 3.

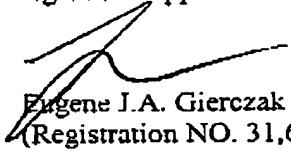
Furthermore Examiner rejected claim 7 on the basis that no patentable weight may be extended to "spot welded". In this regard, please note that the word "spot welded" has been removed and replaced by the word "connected". Furthermore claim 7 has been amended so as to include the reference that "inner floor covering presents a high wear film between said inner and outer floor covering and said border includes a high wear film".

CONCLUSIONS

Agent for Applicant respectfully states that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicits same.

Yours faithfully,

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